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**NOTICE OF APPEAL AND
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)**

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**FILTER MATERIAL, METHOD OF ITS
MANUFACTURE, AND APPARATUS FOR
MANUFACTURING A FILTER MATERIAL**

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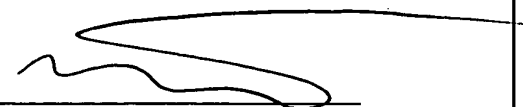
Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2004 finally rejecting claim 1.

Applicant also respectfully request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated March 9, 2004, for which a response period expiring on June 9, 2004 was set. The extended period expires on July 9, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) extension fee of **\$110.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of **\$330.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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